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SCHOOL MANAGEMENT—GIRARD COLLEGE.

From the N. Y. Tribune.

Girard College in Philadelphia is an institution of some national interest; and it is no unwelcome sign that its affairs are creating attention far outside of its local sphere.

The experiment of the workshop, begun wholesale, was both overdone and underdone. It never led to very direct or remarkable results, so far as we are aware.

Professor Stephens, noteworthy for what good he has in former days essayed to do the institution, was in the habit of taking his pupils into all the Schuylkill factories, and often taught them botany on the way to an iron-foundry.

We have at hand an echo of the complaint made by a few of the Philadelphia journals that the college has been badly mismanaged.

Of this we are far from being so sure as we are that the present head of the institution enjoys the wide respect and esteem of its graduates and friends.

First, were the so-called natural heirs of Stephen Girard, who were all young men, and who cared little for the show, did old money-maker when he was poor, and who were handsomely cut off by him with \$10,000 apiece.

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At all events, no amount of added care and earnestness can work harm to the noble experiment made in Girard College.

indications have been developed within the last two or three days which go to show that the President and the Secretary of State very nearly coincide with the Massachusetts Standard.

That part of them (the instructions) which relate to the Alabama claims is understood to be founded, substantially, on a speech of Senator Sumner so far as material indemnity is concerned.

Our Government has come to the conclusion that England is the mighty malefactor she is represented by Mr. Sumner in his speech.

The only question is, has President Grant repudiated Mr. Fish and gone over to Sumner and Motley? The price of gold will speedily tell what Wall street believes, and whether the Herald and Times are correct.

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reforms and the disproportion between what he has done and what he might have done. But the causes of the failure so far are not in the grain of the man.

We did the Tribune more than justice in supposing that it might possibly object to such an outrage upon the national character as the appointment of General Sickles to represent the United States in the Spanish capital.

General Daniel E. Sickles, yesterday commissioned minister to Spain, served his country gallantly during the war, and distinguished himself by his wisdom and great executive capacity in the reconstruction, and goes out to the liberal Government of Spain a faithful representative of the United States.

We have italicized the most touching and appropriate phrases of this truly beautiful tribute to a virtuous and noble citizen.

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